

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2007. The Examiner's comments have been carefully considered.

This Amendment is being submitted pursuant to the above-identified Office Action and a telephone conference with Examiner Aravind Moorthy to discuss the Office Action mailed on October 3, 2007 and the rejections and prior art cited therein.

Responsive to the discussion with Examiner Moorthy, claim 16 has been cancelled without prejudice and integrated into independent claim 12. The Examiner has indicated that combining claims 12 and 16 would distinguish over the prior art, overcome the outstanding rejections and would be allowed. The remaining claims continue to depend directly or indirectly on now presumably allowable claim 12.

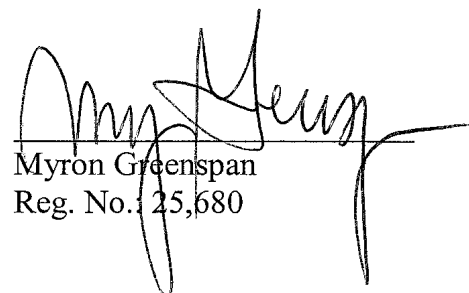
This application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Early allowance and issuance is, accordingly, respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication and during the pendency of this application, such as an extension or issue fee if mistakenly not paid or insufficient funds, and/or any other fee due but not paid by check, etc., or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0100.

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